

# **Switching for Success: An Evidence-Based Strategy**

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#### Statement of Need

Atypical antipsychotics represent a tremendous advance in the treatment of schizophrenia and a wide variety of psychotic disorders. Their superior tolerability and side effect profile are significant advantages over the first-generation antipsychotics. However, clinicians have recognized that there are unique differences in the tolerability and efficacy profiles of these agents. In this evidence-based psychCME TV activity, the experts will offer practical suggestions for identifying patients who, due to suboptimal efficacy or tolerability and safety issues, may benefit from switching antipsychotics. The faculty experts will also address when to switch, as well as strategies to ensure a smooth transition to a newer antipsychotic drug.

## **Activity Goal**

To implement strategies for successfully switching atypical antipsychotics.

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of this CE activity, participants should

- Identify appropriate candidates for switching antipsychotic therapy.
- Effectively manage side effects during the antipsychotic switch.
- Develop a dose titration strategy to ensure efficacy throughout the switching process.

#### **Target Audience**

Physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals with an interest in mental health.

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